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Subject: Specifications for the Keying of the Record of Contact at

Questionnaire Assistance Center, Form #D-3999

#### I. Introduction

The Questionnaire Assistance Center (QAC) program requires that a D-399 is filled out each time a center is visited by a person. These forms are then transmitted from the QAC to the Local Census Office (LCO). The LCO gathers these forms together from all the QACs and mails them to the National Processing Center (NPC). It is expected that approximately 400,000 of these forms will be received at NPC. Some of these forms have already been received at NPC, and it is expected that they will all be received by May 31, 2000. All of the D-399s will be keyed for evaluation purposes. An example of the D-399 follows this document as Attachment A.

#### II. Milestone Schedule

04/28/00	D-399 received at NPC
11/01/00	Document preparation and keying begins
02/28/01	Keying complete
03/15/01	File from keying transmitted to DSSD

## III. Document Preparations

These forms will be grouped together with a staple or some other type of fastener with a transmittal sheet (11-100) on top. It will be necessary to remove the staple and the transmittal sheets before further processing can take place. The transmittal sheets can be discarded.

# IV. Keying Requirements

From the Record of Contact Questionnaire Assistance Center, Form D-399, capture the following fields:

Field #	Item # and Response #	Limits
1	01. LCO code	4 digits
2	02. Site I.D.	4 digits
3	04. Date	MM/DD
4	05. Time	HH:MM am/pm
5	06. Form Type	2 digits 01–13
6	07. General Problems with Questionnaire	2 digits 01-11
7	Resp. 11 on 07. General Problems	80 characters
8	08. Language of Be Counted Form provided	1 digits 1-7
9	09. Language Assistance Guide used	2 digits 01-40
10	Resp. 39 on 09. Language Assistance Guide	20 characters
11	10. How did you learn about this QAC	2 digits 01-10
12	Resp.10 on 10. How did you learn about this QAC	160 characters
13	11. Remarks	240 characters

All responses for each field should be keyed. We are requesting that NPC use Average Outgoing Quality Limit of 0.5 percent with a 5 percent sample on all fields except seven, ten, twelve and thirteen.

# V. Disposition Requirements

Following the transmittal and review of the D-399 data file, headquarters staff will notify NPC when all the D-399 (approximately 400,000) can be destroyed.

## VI. Contacts

If you have any questions regarding this document, contact Nathan Carter at (301) 457-8024.

### Attachment

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